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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter dated August 20, 1964, concerning the publication of excerpts from Lee Harvey Oswald's diary in "The Dallas Morning News" and "Life" magazine.

During the course of our investigation in this matter, an allegation was made that Congressman Gerald R. Ford of the President's Commission leaked information concerning the diary to news media.

As a result of this allegation, Congressman Ford indicated his desire to be officially interviewed. On August 17, 1964, Congressman Ford was interviewed by a representative of this Bureau. He said he desired to unequivocally state, and to furnish a signed statement if necessary, that he did not leak the information in question.

Congressman Ford confirmed the fact he did previously talk with representatives of "Life" magazine and further stated that under no circumstances had he given "Life" representatives any information concerning Oswald's diary.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

Representatives of this Bureau have not conducted interviews with any members of the President's Commission or members of your staff other than Congressman Ford regarding this matter.

No further action is being taken by this Bureau concerning the leak of Oswald's diary to "The Dallas Morning News" and "Life" magazine in the absence of a specific request from you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: We have conducted extensive investigation regarding the leak of Oswald's diary to news media. The Commission has been furnished two reports regarding this matter and the results of our Laboratory examination which concluded the copy of Oswald's diary in possession of "Life" magazine originated from the Office of the Dallas County Attorney. William F. Alexander, Assistant County Attorney in Dallas alleged Congressman Ford of the President's Commission leaked the information to news media. This allegation was completely erroneous and when this information was brought to the attention of Congressman Ford, he requested to be interviewed for the record. Congressman Ford was interviewed by Mr. C. D. DeLoach, see memo C. D. DeLoach to Mr. Mohr dated 8-24-64, which now concludes our inquiries into this matter as our investigation indicates the leak originated from the Dallas County Attorney's Office and not by any Federal agency or the President's Commission.